

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2112 without my signature.

Private enforcement is an important component of the Political Reform Act. In fact, one of the purposes of the Act expressly states that adequate enforcement mechanisms should be provided to both public officials and private citizens in order that the Act will be vigorously enforced. This bill would frustrate that purpose by limiting the number of requests for civil action that a private citizen may file with the Fair Political Practices Commission to no more than 20 in a 12-month period.

The proposed limit is arbitrary and overly restrictive. I would consider signing a measure that more equitably balances the need for private enforcement with the workload concerns of the Fair Political Practices Commission and the burdens on the civil justice system.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger